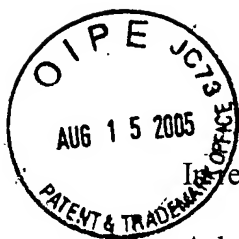


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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated April 29, 2005 to which a response is due with a one-month extension by August 29, 2005. Enclosed is a check to cover the cost of the extension fee of \$120.00 according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(4). Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-2036. In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in the application.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.